

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

Claim 1-24 (Canceled)

Claims 25 and 26 (Cancelled).

Claim 27 (Currently Amended): An information processing apparatus, comprising:
accumulation means for accumulating information about a related prior art document which is cited in a prosecution of a patent application in a first country and a related prior art document cited in another prosecution of a counterpart patent application in a second country different from the first country; and

display control means for displaying a list of the actual document numbers of the related prior art documents cited in each of the prosecutions of the patent application ~~in the first country and the counterpart patent application in the second country~~ together with the actual reference number of the patent application to be prosecuted.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 27, wherein

said display control means displays a flag indicating whether or not a prior art disclosure procedure has been performed on the prior art document.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 27, wherein

said display control means displays descriptions indicating correspondence between the prior art document and a rejection reason.

Claim 30 (Previously Presented): The information processing apparatus according to claim 27, wherein

said display control means displays a list of applications by which the prior art document has been cited relating to the prior art document.

Claim 31 (Currently Amended): An information processing method, comprising the steps of:

accumulating information about a related prior art document which is cited in a prosecution of a patent application in a first country and a related prior art document cited in another prosecution of a counterpart patent application in a second country different from the first country; and

displaying and controlling a list of the actual document numbers of the related prior art documents cited in each of the prosecutions of the patent application ~~in the first country and the counterpart patent application in the second country~~ together with the actual reference number of the patent application to be prosecuted.

Claim 32 (Currently Amended): A program ~~storage medium storing a program for realizing~~ executed on a computer to perform an information processing method ~~for accumulating prior art documents relating to a patent application,~~ comprising the steps of:

a code ~~for realizing~~ to realize an accumulation step of accumulating information about a related prior art document which is cited in the prosecution of a patent application in a first country and a related prior art document cited in another prosecution of a counterpart patent application in a second country different from the first country; and

a code ~~for realizing~~ to realize a displaying and controlling a list of actual document numbers of the related prior art documents cited in each of the prosecutions of the patent application ~~in the first country and the counterpart patent application in the second country~~ together with the actual reference number of the patent application to be prosecuted.

Claims 33-35 (Canceled)